1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 G & G CLOSED CIRCUIT EVENTS, LLC, Case No.: 1:20-cv-01745 JLT BAM 12 Plaintiff, ORDER TO OSCAR DORADO AGUILAR TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS ANSWER SHOULD 13 NOT BE STRICKEN FOR HIS FAILURE TO v. COMPLY WITH THE COURT'S ORDERS 14 OSCAR DORADO AGUILAR, 15 Defendant. 16 17 On August 26, 2024, the Court conducted the final pretrial conference. Thomas Riley appeared 18 as counsel for plaintiff, but the defendant did not appear as ordered. The defendant also failed to 19 comply with the requirements of Local Rule 281 to cooperate in the drafting of a joint pretrial 20 conference statement (Doc. 69 at 57-60). Consequently, the defendant has identified no witnesses or 21 exhibits he intends to present at trial. 22 When setting the pretrial conference, the Court emphasized: 23 The parties are advised that the failure to file a pretrial statement may result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions, which may include the preclusion of any 24 and all witnesses, dismissal of the action, or entry of default. 25 (Doc. 68 at 2) The defendant was present when the Court set the conference and was served 26 with a copy of the order setting the conference and a copy of the Court's Local Rule 281, 27 which detailed the parties' obligations related to the pretrial conference. Nevertheless, the 28

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defendant failed to comply¹. Thus, the Court **ORDERS**:

1. Within 21 days, the defendant SHALL show cause in writing why sanctions should not be imposed, up to and including striking his answer and entering default, for his failure to comply with the Court's orders. The defendant's failure to respond will result in the Court striking his answer and entering default.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **August 27, 2024**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ The Court recognizes that the defendant reported to his opposing counsel that he was "looking for someone to help [him] out" (Doc. 69 at 60), he has made no effort to seek an extension of time with the Court, or to explain why he has delayed in seeking replacement counsel. The defendant's attorney withdrew from his representation more than six months ago (Docs. 48, 55). The Court set the pretrial conference more than three months ago (Doc. 68).